Dewan.—It is for the local bodies to make such proposals. In any place where such facilities are wanted if the local bodies make a representation Government will have no objection to grant loans.

REVENUE.

Land Revenue.

(Nos. 12 to 34).

SUBJECT No. 12.

Formation of a Revenue Board.

Mr. M. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.—There are three judges in the Chief Court for civil cases. Revenue cases are no less important than civil ones but at present only important revenue cases come before the Council Committee and most revenue appeals are being disposed of by the Revenue Commissioner himself. This should not be the case. We should have a Board like that in Madras to decide revenue appeals from the decisions of the Deputy Commissioners. Government should either appoint an elected non-official member or nominate one to the Board. If there is to be no Board, if the Council Committee will accept all appeals against the Revenue Commissioner the present system will do.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—I support the proposal of having a Board to hear appeals now disposed of by the Revenue Commissioner.

Second Member.—If this is done there will be a good deal of delay.

Reply of Government.—There is no justification for any radical change. This is not possible.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Association of non-official members with the District and Taluk Officers for administering certain departments.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundiah, A. Narayaniengar, Hassan Municipality; H. V. Rangasami, B. Alasingrachar, Hassan Taluk; S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association; H. Thimmappaiya, D. Nanjegowda, B. Basavegowda, Manjarabad Taluk; Dasappa, Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk; M. Chowdaiya, Hassan District Board, B. Anantakesavachar, H. Narasimhachar, Belur Taluk, B. Anantharamiengar, Hole-Narsipur Municipality; K. M. Krishnappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk, A. V. Suryanarayana Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

Mr. Venkatesiah.—Non-officials may be associated with officers in excise and darkhast matters. Officials look into only the revenue aspect of the question.

Dewan.—We have to extend this system only by experience.

Temporary Member.—A memorandum may be prepared and sent up on the question by Mr. Venkatesiah.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Rates of assessment and remission under tanks.

Messrs. Venkataswamigowda and L. Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Mr. Venkataswami Gowda.—The assessment on lands under channels and tanks is the same. Tanks are solely dependent on rainfall and if the rains fail, the ryots are put to enormous loss. Lands under tanks should be assessed lower than those below channels.

Dewan.—There are some inequalities and these will be remedied at the time of resettlement.

Revenue Commissioner.—The rates are fixed by the Survey Department in consideration of water supply, rainfall, soil, etc. If some specific instances of hardship should be brought to the notice of Government they will be redressed.

Mr. Narasimhachar.—We have brought several glaring instances of this and other difficulties of ryots also to the notice of Government many a time during the past three years and nothing has been done. We have submitted two reports about irrigation.

Dewan.—We shall make a note of the case and see where they are pending. The general principle is accepted and instructions will be given to the Survey Department.

SUBJECT No. 15.

Remissions.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—Remissions may be given in every case where the holding yields no crop owing to the failure of rains.

Reply of Government.—This is under consideration. The Remission Committee has sent in a long report. It will be considered and final orders passed.

SUBJECT No. 16.

Contribution for the restoration of minor tanks.

Mr. G. Ramappa, Srinivaspur Taluk.

Mr. Ramappa.—A general ruling should be made that the ryots' contribution for restoration of minor tanks may be paid along with kandayam in five annual instalments.

Reply of Government.—Government have no objection to make a general rule to this effect for the next three years.

SUBJECT No. 17.

Abolition of irrigation cess; and annual maintenance of tanks and channels.

Messrs. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk; and Ramachandrappa, Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Mr. H. Krishna Rao.—Orders may be passed not to collect irrigation cess on wet and garden lands on which crops are raised with the aid of rain water. In tanks and channels under which irrigation cess is collected, maintenance work may be done by Government.

Reply of Government.—This is an old subject. The matter is under consideration and orders will be passed in three months.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Supari cess.

Messrs. K. Chennakesavaiya, Tirthahalli Taluk; and Shama Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. K. Chennakesavaiya.—The supari cess may be used for finding a market for supari and facilitating its export.

Some of the members suggested the abolition of the cess.

Reply of Government.—Orders have issued sanctioning a deputation for finding markets. Suggestions may be made as to the utilisation of the supari cess for particular purposes. It is not possible to abolish the cess.

SUBJECT No. 19.

Village Improvement Scheme.

Messrs. D. S. Krishna Rao, Nelamangala Taluk; Vembraliah, Rame Gowda, Byregowda, Kolar Taluk; and Gurasiddappa, Jagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rule *re* half-day labour may be passed into law.

Dewan.—The panchayats have the power to require a certain number of days' labour in the year or to levy a contribution instead.